Amendments to the Claims

This listing of the claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in this application.

1. (Previously presented) An assay device for detecting an analyte in a liquid sample, the assay device comprising: a nitrocellulose strip, the nitrocellulose strip being substantially opaque in a dry state and being translucent when contacted by the liquid sample, the nitrocellulose strip comprising an upper surface, a lower surface, and a line printed or deposited on the lower surface of the nitrocellulose strip;

wherein in use, the liquid sample contacts and migrates along the nitrocellulose strip, and wherein the line is visible to a user when the nitrocellulose strip is translucent.

2-4. (Canceled)

5. (Previously presented) The assay device of claim 1 wherein the line is oriented substantially parallel with the direction of flow of the liquid sample.

6-26. (Canceled)

27. (Previously presented) The assay device of claim 1, the nitrocellulose strip further comprising a labeling region and an analyte detection region downstream from the labeling region.

28. (Previously presented) The assay device of claim 27, wherein the labeling region comprises a mobilizable labeled binding agent.

29. (Previously presented) The assay device of claim 28, wherein the analyte detection region comprises an immobilized binding agent which binds the analyte.

30. (Previously presented) The assay device of claim 29, wherein when analyte is present in the sample, analyte binds to the mobilizable labeled binding agent and the immobilized binding agent to form a test signal in the analyte detection region of the nitrocellulose strip.

31. (Previously presented) The assay device of claim 30, wherein the line and the test signal form a symbol representative of a positive result in the presence of analyte.